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**GO SERV “SPOTLIGHT”
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Fresno Student Goes Above and Beyond to Help Area Youth

SACRAMENTO - The Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is featuring Leticia Uphoff, a team leader at Jumpstart for Young Children, as this week’s *Spotlight*. In addition to being a mother, student and wife, Leticia has found the time to spend the last year and a half as an AmeriCorps member as well.

“Leticia is the perfect example of someone who has so many things going on in her life yet still finds time to help others,” Executive Director of GO SERV, Chuck Supple said.

Leticia serves at Jumpstart for Young Children Inc., a national service program dedicated to serving low-income parents, many of whom are English language learners. Members work anywhere between 8 – 10 hours a week with preschool children who need extra help in order to be Kindergarten ready.

Leticia leads a team of 12 members, coaching them on how to teach the Jumpstart curriculum to the young children. During her first term as an AmeriCorps member, Leticia was required to complete 300 hours of service. She completed 430! On joining AmeriCorps, Leticia says “I want every child I work with to feel special at least once a day, every day...every child deserves to feel special and important and that’s why I volunteer.”

The *Spotlight* is a weekly recognition program honoring service organizations or individuals involved in community service. *Spotlight* nomination forms, as well as other volunteer opportunities, are also available on our website. If you or someone you know would like to give back to your community, visit GO SERV’s Volunteer Here at www.goserv.ca.gov to find out how you can make a difference in your community.

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